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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Sacramento – ATF Officers Seize 58 Firearms and Two Vests in Sacramento Raid**

(U) A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives operation in Sacramento resulted in three arrests and the seizure of nearly 60 firearms. Officers brought in a haul of 58 firearms, two silencers and two bulletproof vests as three suspects were arrested. ATF officers also found and seized two marijuana grow operations.

SOURCE: 21 September 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Pennsylvania – Large-Scale Pill Trafficking Operation Ran Out of Falls Township Facility**

(U) Falls Township – On 21 September Law enforcement announced they broke up a ring that distributed hundreds of thousands of illegal opioids and other pills in the region. As of Friday, two people, whose names were not released, had been charged relating to the case and multiple suspects are being investigated by police and federal agents. The ring would snatch pills that were delivered by pharmaceutical companies for destruction as part of Wheelabrator Falls' special waste facility.

SOURCE: 21 September 2018, [Levitown Now](#)

(U) Texas – Texan Who Published 3-D Guns Plans Jailed On Sex Assault Charges

(U) Houston – A Texas man running a 3-D printed guns company was booked into a Houston jail on a charge of sexual assault on yesterday after Taiwanese officials sent him back to the United States, where he is accused of having sex with an underage girl. Cody Wilson, 30, flew to Taiwan after learning he was under investigation, police said, and was picked up by Taiwanese authorities on 21 September after his US passport was annulled. He was deported to the United States on Saturday. As the founder of Defense Distributed, Wilson became a notable figure in the U.S. debate over guns after the company posted on the internet the blueprints for plastic guns that can be made with a 3-D printer.

SOURCE: 23 September 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – \$18 Million Worth of Cocaine Found Inside Boxes of Donated Bananas

(U) Freeport – Two Texas Department of Criminal Justice sergeants picking up a banana donation uncovered a huge cache of cocaine. Friday, officers discovered \$18 million worth of cocaine inside boxes of ripe bananas after a Freeport business offered two pallets as a donation to the Scott Unit. There were 45 boxes containing not only the bananas, but also 540 kilos of cocaine.

SOURCE: 22 September 2018, [ABC 13](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Democratic Republic of Congo – Rebel Attack Kills 18 People in Congo Ebola Zone**

(U) Beni – At least 14 civilians and four soldiers were killed on 22 September in a six-hour attack by rebels on the town of Beni in eastern Congo disrupting efforts to contain an Ebola epidemic in the area. Militants believed to belong to the Allied Democratic Forces, a Ugandan extremist group clashed with

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Congolese troops in Beni, a town of several hundred thousand people. In addition to the known fatalities, dozens of civilians were wounded as they fled the violence

SOURCE: 23 September 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iran – Iran’s Khamenei Blames Gulf Arab States for Military Parade Attack

(U) Ahvaz – Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Monday that the attackers who killed 25 people at a military parade were paid by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and that Iran would “severely punish” those behind the bloodshed. The assault, which wounded at least 70 people, targeted a viewing stand where Iranian officials had gathered in the city of Ahvaz to watch an annual event marking the start of the Islamic Republic’s 1980-88 war with Iraq. ISIS's Amaq agency posted a video of three men in a vehicle who it said were on their way to carry out an attack on an Iranian military parade. Two of the men spoke in Arabic about jihad, while the third spoke in Farsi suggesting they were targeting Iranian Revolutionary Guards, according to the recording, released after Saturday's assault on the Guards in the Iranian city of Ahvaz.

SOURCE: 23 September 2018, [Reuters](#), [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Swiss Ship Attacked By Pirates Off Nigerian Coast

(U) Port Harcourt – A dozen crew members on a Swiss cargo ship have been taken hostage after the vessel was attacked by pirates off the coast of Nigeria. Massoel Shipping said that the ship, the MV Glarus, was attacked early Saturday while sailing from Lagos to Port Harcourt with a shipment of wheat. The pirates reportedly struck about 45 nautical miles south-southwest of Bonny Island.

SOURCE: 23 September 2018, [CNN](#)

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